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Birthplace Celebrates 275th Birthday of George Washington

On February 22, 1732, an unremarkable Wednesday on a small Westmoreland County Virginia tobacco farm, the wife of an ordinary Virginia planter gave birth to a son who was to reshape the political foundations of the world more than any leader before or after him. George Washington Birthplace National Monument joins the world in celebrating the 275th anniversary of the birth of the man who was to widen the tent of freedom and democracy in the world with a series of events to begin on Saturday, February 17, 2007.

Saturday, February 17, 2007

2 p.m.: Dr. Char Roone Miller, Assistant Professor of Public and International Affairs at George Mason University will give his lecture *Washington, Prince of the Potomac* in the Visitor Center auditorium. Admission to the lecture is free and open to the public. Regular admission fees to the Memorial Area apply.

Sunday, February 18, 2007

2 p.m.: The first public showing of an 18th Century quilt from the George Washington Birthplace collection, and the unveiling of a crib coverlet reproduced by the Uptown Quilt Guild based on the 18th Century quilt.

Noon-4 p.m.: Authors Bunnie Jordan and Barb Tricarico sign their book *Quilts of Virginia, The Birth of America Through the Eye of a Needle*.

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The young Prince of the Potomac who would become the most important leader in the free world.

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Admission to the quilt and coverlet display and the book signing is free. Regular admission to the Memorial Area applies.

Monday, February 19, 2007

10 a.m.: Uniformed members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a flag raising ceremony in honor of George Washington's birthday.

10 a.m.-4 p.m.: A variety of craft demonstrations typical of the activities that took place at Popes Creek when George Washington was a child will be presented in the Memorial Area.

Admission to the site and all activities and refreshments are free on this official government holiday, and George Washington Birthplace National Monument will be open its normal hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Thursday, February 22, 2007

1 p.m.: The public is invited to have a piece of a special cake prepared for George Washington's actual 275th birthday.

Visitors on this day of respectful celebration can tour the Memorial Area from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and can pay homage to Washington on the site of his birth which will be illuminated by candle lanterns on the 22nd.

Admission to George Washington Birthplace National Monument will be free on February 22nd.

The nearly weeklong celebration is co-sponsored by the National Park Service and the George Washington Birthplace Association, a civic group with open membership who started the movement to preserve the place where the Father of our Country was born.

"I invite everyone to start this celebration by learning more about Washington from Dr. Miller, whose eclectic expertise includes history, conservation and urban planning, and then to attend as many of the commemorative festivities that their schedules allow," said George Washington Birthplace Superintendent Vidal Martinez.

George Washington Birthplace National Monument is located on Route 204, 2 miles off of Route 3, 38 miles east of Fredericksburg, VA and 11 miles west of Montross, VA. Admission on February 19th and 22nd is free. Admission to the Memorial Area is \$4 per visitor 16 and older on other days.

Additional information about George Washington Birthplace National Monument's celebration of Washington's 275th birthday is available by phone at (804) 224-1732 or on the web at www.nps.gov/gewa/planourvisit/events.



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